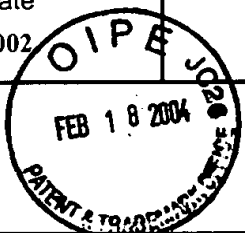

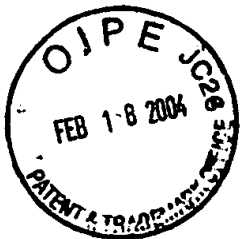


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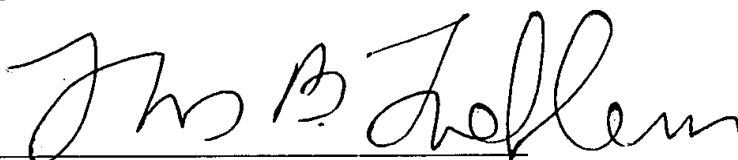
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In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2003, applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered in the above-referenced application. This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

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